

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 6-8, 10-11, 13-15, and 17 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter cited therein.

Please amend Claims 1-5, 9, 12, and 16 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A display apparatus operated by a remote control apparatus including ~~[[a]] physically attachable and detachable first remote control device and a second remote control devices~~ device that can be switched between a combined state in which the first and second remote control devices are physically attached to each other and a separated state, in which the first and second remote control devices are physically separated from each other, said display apparatus comprising:

a display unit; ~~[[and]]~~

a communication portion configured to communicate with the first and the second remote control devices, and

a control portion configured to change the ~~wherein~~ a number of display picture frames displayed on said display unit ~~is changed~~ in accordance with whether the first and second remote control devices are physically attached to or separated from each other as the first remote control device and the second remote control device are combined with, or are separated from, each other.

2. (Currently Amended) A display apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said control portion increases control for increasing the number of display picture frames ~~is performed~~ in response to the physical separation of the first ~~remote control device~~ and the second remote

~~control devices device from each other so that the first and second remote control devices change the state from the combined state to the separated state.~~

3. (Currently Amended) A display apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said control portion reduces ~~control for reducing~~ the number of display picture frames is performed in response to the physical attachment combination of the first ~~remote control device~~ and ~~[[the]]~~ second remote control ~~devices~~ device with each other so that the first and second remote control devices change the state from the separated state to the combined state.

4. (Currently Amended) A display apparatus according to Claim 1, ~~A display apparatus operated by a remote control apparatus including a first remote control device and a second remote control device that can be switched between a combined state and a separated state, said display apparatus comprising:~~

~~a display unit; and~~

~~a communication portion; to communicate with the first and second remote control devices;~~

wherein each of different picture frames displayed on said display unit is controlled in accordance with operations of a corresponding one of the first ~~remote control device~~ and ~~[[the]]~~ second remote control ~~device~~ devices in the separated state.

5. (Currently Amended) A display apparatus according to Claim 4, further comprising:

A display apparatus controlled by operating a remote control device, comprising:  
a display unit where a plurality of display picture frames are displayed; and  
a transmission portion configured to transmit circuit for transmitting to one of the first and second remote control devices device a voice signal corresponding to a predetermined one of the picture frames controlled by operations of said the one of the remote control devices device from among the plurality of picture frames .

6-8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) A remote control apparatus for controlling a display apparatus, comprising:

a first remote control device; and  
a second remote control device,  
wherein the first remote control device and the second remote control device are physically attachable to and detachable from each other so as to be switched between a combined state in which the first and second remote control devices are physically attached to each other and a separated state in which the first and second remote control devices are physically separated from each other, can be switched between a state in which these devices are combined and a state in which these devices are separated; and

wherein the first remote control device controls a first picture frame from among a plurality of picture frames displayed on the display apparatus and the second remote control device controls another picture frame from among the plurality of picture frames in the separated state.

10-11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) A remote control apparatus according to Claim 9, wherein a signal for discriminating between the combined state ~~in which the first remote control device and the second remote control device are combined;~~ and the separated state ~~in which the first remote control device and the second remote control device are separated;~~ is output by one or the other of the remote control devices to the display apparatus.

13-15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) A remote control apparatus according to Claim 9, wherein at least one of the first ~~remote control circuit~~ and the second remote control circuit devices includes a receiving circuit configured to receive for receiving a voice signal corresponding to one of the picture frames controlled by operations of said one of the remote control devices, output from the display apparatus.

17. (Canceled)